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Fairfax Girl and Airman Found Shot Dead in Car

A young airman recently returned from Viet Nam and an 18-year-old Fairfax County girl were found shot to death in a parked car in Arlington this morning. Police termed their deaths "apparent murder and suicide."

It was nearly six hours after discovery of their bodies, in a car parked in the 800 block of S. Frederick Street just off Columbia Pike, before police revealed their identities.

They finally identified them as Airman 1C Eugene W. Montague, 22, of the 1909th Communications Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base in nearby Maryland, and Miss Pamela Jean Lewis, 18, of 8704 Old Mount Vernon Road in the Mount Vernon area south of Alexandria.

Police said the airman also was from Fairfax County. His

home was listed as 3212 Wolf Run Shoals Road, in Clifton.

An unidentified woman saw the bodies in the car when she passed it on her way to work about 7:20 a.m. and telephoned police.

Investigators said the airman's body was found on the back seat of the car, with a .45-caliber gun in his lap. The body of Miss Lewis, who police said was a Government employee, was found on the front seat.

Police said the airman had been shot through the mouth, with the bullet lodged in the back of his neck. The girl was shot in the left ear and the bullet passed out the right ear, police added.

Police said the couple had been going together before he went to Viet Nam for duty.

A spokesman at Andrews Air

Force Base said Montague reported there Sept. 23 after serving the normal year's duty in Viet Nam.

As to why the car happened to be parked where it was, within a garden-apartment complex, police said Miss Lewis had been staying overnight with a girl friend in the development.

Detectives declined to say more about the shootings other than that they were apparently a case of murder-suicide.

Explaining the secrecy which cloaked release of the names, Detective Capt. Robert Weekly said he refused to give out any information until about 1 p.m. because he wanted relatives to positively identify the bodies. He said police had tentative identification earlier, but he wanted to confirm it.

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